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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND  
TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In Re the Application of: Dennis John Newland

Serial Number: 09/895,763

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: Self-Guyed Structures

Examiner: Chi Q. Nguyen

Art Unit 3637

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT AND REMARKS  
TO ASSIST THE EXAMINER IN PREPARING FOR  
A TELEPHONE INTERVIEW  
(not to be entered in the case)**

This proposed amendment and request for reconsideration is in response to the office communication mailed August 2, 2002 and is intended merely to facilitate the Examiner's preparation for an upcoming telephone conference with the Applicant's representative. Importantly, this is merely a proposed, draft response and includes proposed, draft amendments. It is not to be entered into the case (although of course the possibility does exist that the actual amendments (i.e., non-draft) eventually submitted and entered in the case will be identical to these), and it is not to become part of the prosecution history or file wrapper. The Applicant submits this proposed amendment and proposed request for reconsideration so that a telephone interview regarding the amendments with the Examiner can be conducted in the very near future. The Applicant's representative, Al Wiedmann Jr. refers to the brief telephone conference on November 21, 2002 with Examiner Chi Nguyen in which the Examiner kindly agreed to review the proposed amendments in preparation for an upcoming telephone conference.

Please amend the above identified application according to attached Exhibits A and B. The Applicant believes all concerns are addressed by the proposed amendments and that all claims remaining in the case are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the claim and specification amendments so that an interview regarding the amendments can be conducted, preferably on or before Wednesday, November 27, 2002.

#### **AMENDMENT**

In accordance with the amendment directions provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please cancel without prejudice claims 1-14 and add new claims 15-55, each amendment as indicated in the attached Exhibits A and B. The applicant will submitted a supplemental claims fee payment when the actual amendment and request for reconsideration is filed. Proposed amendments to the specification are also included. Applicant notes that the bulk of the proposed amendments to the claims are result from proper claim drafting of the original claims, which were written by a *pro se* applicant with no patent application drafting experience. Similarly, the proposed amendments to the specification merely result from drafting errors made by a *pro se* applicant with no patent related experience. The exhibits are to be considered as part of this proposed response. Exhibit A provides a restated set of all proposed amended paragraphs of the specification and of all proposed remaining claims, some of which have been amended, and Exhibit B provides the required marked up version of those specific paragraphs and claims that are hereby amended.

The proposed amendments as submitted in Exhibits A and B should be understood to be made as a proposal only, and should not to be construed as creating any situation of file wrapper estoppel or the like.